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Mr. John H. Bass
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RE: Philippine Patent Application No. 24110
Your Ref: 23241
Our Ref: PM 868 - Smoking Compositions of
Houminer and Sanders

Dear John:

Enclosed per your request, is a copy of the first U.S. action in which restriction of the claims was required. We elected Group I (claims 1-14) and they have recently been allowed.

We have filed a divisional application on the nonelected Group II claims and possibly may file on Group III at a later date.

I am puzzled by the different groups selected by the examiner, but would highly recommend electing and prosecuting Group I since the bulk of the claims have been included. Frankly, there is little difference in Group I and II. We may wish to file divisional applications at a later date if possible.

Very truly yours,

Susan A. Hutcheson

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cc: T. Osdene
T. Sanders

Enclosure: First Office Action
of USSN 045,716

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